

Pennisi di Floristella, Barone
[Salvadore]

[Acireale, Sicily], 1920-1929

August 14th, 1920

Barone Salvatore Fennisi di Floristella
Acireale, Sicily

Honoured Sir:

At the suggestion of Signorina Lorenzina Cesano, of the Museo Nazionale Romano, I am writing to ask whether you have any coins of Metapontum in your Collection.

I have been studying the coinage of this city for some time, and I should like very much to have a photograph (showing obverse and reverse) or, better still, casts of any Metapontum pieces in your Collection, if it would not be too great an inconvenience to you. The beautiful staters of this city have been too long neglected, and I am very anxious to secure descriptions of any of the rare issues.

When the President of the American Numismatic Society was in Italy early this year, it was his hope that he might have opportunity to visit Sicily but, unfortunately, circumstances prevented.

Professor Orsi has promised to send me photographs of the interesting staters found at Curinga, and Mr. Newell was able to obtain casts of the pieces at Taranto when he was there.

Thanking you in anticipation of anything you may be able to do to aid me, and with assurances of cordial esteem I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

SPK/E

Secretary

24th January, 1929

Barone Pennisi di Floristella,
Acireale, Sicily, Italy

Dear Barone Pennisi:

May I be permitted to introduce to you the bearer of this note, Mrs. J. C. Heppin, who is one of the members of our Society, and who is very much interested in the decadrachms of Tusaiontos. On learning that she intended visiting Sicily, I ventured to say that I felt sure you would be glad to extend to her the privilege of seeing your collection of Greek coins. My recollection of your great kindness in permitting this courtesy to me is my only warrant for presuming. I trust the request will not unduly inconvenience you, and with cordial expressions of regard I beg to subscribe myself

Very truly yours,

Secretary

19th August, 1929

Barone Pennisi di Floristella,
Acireale, Sicily, Italy

My dear Barone Pennisi:

May I have the pleasure of introducing to you Mr. Albert Gallatin, one of the Governors of the American Numismatic Society, who is very much interested in the decadrachms of Euainetos. I told him of the wealth of material that exists in your collection and I hope that it will prove possible for you to permit him to see our specimens of these coins.

I still keep a lively memory of the cordial reception you gave me in 1922 and of the many beautiful coins you showed me at that time.

With assurances of my cordial esteem, I beg to subscribe myself

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary